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For: METHOD FOR FORMING A HOT MELT ADHESIVE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Response to Office Action Pursuant to 37 C. F. R. §1.111

Dear Examiner Goff:

This is in response to the Office Action in the above identified application dated August 30, 2005. The response is filed on behalf of the Applicants under 37 C. F. R. §1.34. Claims 1-4 are currently pending in the application.

Response to 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) Rejection of Claims 1 and 3

Claims 1 and 3 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Jacobs (U. S. Pat. No. 5,194,487). Jacobs does not teach Applicants invention. Jacobs teaches a two component aqueous polyurethane dispersion with reduced solvent content that is used to prepare coatings having improved gloss. The aqueous components of Jacobs polyurethane dispersion would hydrolyze the isocyanate components of Applicants hot melt adhesive, not allowing it to function as a hot melt adhesive as